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To: Michael Copps
Date: Mon. Apr 21, 2003 9:44 AM
Subject: Media Deregulation

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From: Thom Hartmann
To: Commissioner Adelstein
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Subject: deregulation

Please do not further weaken the already feeble ability our democratic republic has to regulate powerful corporations in their control of the media.

Please also consider reinstating mandatory rules for radio and *TV* broadcasters to carry both sides of political debates. This would be so vital to democracy.

Best regards,

Thomas Hartmann
41 Northfield St.
Montpelier, VT 05602

From: Eric Fanning
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon. Apr 21, 2003 9:48 AM
Subject: No further deregulation

SUBJECT:
Upcoming meeting to ease regulations on media ownership

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From: Sarah Dillon
To: Mike Powell
Date: Fri, Mar 21, 2003 11:07 AM
Subject: Congress demand FCC protect public media access

Dear Commissioner Powell:

Numerous reports agree that the Federal Communications is planning to loosen longstanding rules governing control of the media that bring news and views to the American public. This will inevitably lead to monopoly, by a few large corporate giants, of TV stations, newspapers, and broadcast networks.

I urge you, Commissioner Powell, to halt immediately any implementation of these these FCC plans that threaten public access to diverse views and information.

Sincerely,

Sarah Elizabeth Dillon
P.O. Box 487
Terre Haute, IN 47808

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From: GMKess23@aol.com
To: Mike Powell
Date: Sat, Mar 22, 2003 10:30 AM
Subject: Consolidation

Sir..... Please do not allow further consolidation of the media. We are not getting truthful information now and further consolidation will only aserbate the situation.....Thank You, George M. Kesselring, Van Buren, Arkansas

From: P.Dirschka
To: Mike Powell
Date: Thu, Mar 27, 2003 10:45 PM
Subject: Consolidation of station ownership...

Dear Chairman Michael K. Powell,

I am concerned that consolidation of ownership of broadcast TV and radio will be a detriment to our nation. An example of the problem involves Clear Channel.

Clear Channel in the Pensacola, Florida area broadcasts on WEARTV channel 3 and on WFGX via cable. Today's Pensacola News Journal (March 27, 2003) has an Associated Press article that notes Clear Channel is organizing and funding rallies to support the war. A quote in the article regarding this activity by Bob Steele, director of journalism ethics at Poynter Institute in St. Petersburg, FL states: 'When a media Company takes an advocacy position on a significant public policy issue, it can certainly undermine the credibility of that media company's journalists'. Mark Hyman, a representative of Clear Channel, broadcasts corporate opinions on various subjects. (For a sample visit <http://hnnnrw.newscentral.tv/thepoint/thepoint.shtml>.) The point is, Clear Channel has an agenda and is not bashful about presenting it. With little TV competition to present local news, Clear Channel can promote whatever slant it chooses without the concerns of competitive journalism.

WEARTV news is the sole Florida TV source for news about Pensacola and the surrounding communities. You would expect that they would take the responsibility of reporting the news in a balanced fashion that presented both sides of community issues. In some cases they do this, but all too often they do not. Examples of the lack of balance have been seen regarding a proposed dam near Baker and reporting on the state organization of superintendents position on the school class size issue. Evidently they have had complaints and perhaps in response, have an excellent program "Extra" that allows viewers to express opinions about issues. However this does not un-do a failure to present local issues in a balanced manner.

The lack of balance in the WEARTV news reports is egregious on its own. But, to allow a corporation, contemptuous of public debate and discussion as I perceive Clear Channel, overwhelming dominance in a small market is not a path of wisdom for our community anymore than it is for our nation. The control of information, inherent in consolidation of broadcast ownership, is a breach of the trust the public has placed with the FCC for regulation of the resource of the public frequencies. I urge you to continue to regulate station ownership within markets, thereby promoting competition, minimizing corporate influence on news content and providing differing perspectives on the issues facing our world.

Respectfully,

Paul A. Dirschka

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CC: Kathleen Abernathy, Michael Copps, KM KJMWEB, Commissioner Adelstein

From: Myronmcnown@aol.com
To: Michael Copps
Date: Sun, Mar 30, 2003 1:31 PM
Subject: Media

Mar. 30,2003

mcopps@fcc.gov

Dear Michael J. Copps,

Please know that our media suffers greatly from something which the FCC cannot fix: collusion with the advertising business. The newspaper and electronic media are all mere 'profit centers' and thus cannot divulge anything that might be derogatory or financially limiting to the advertisers.

It seems to me that there would be even further disservice to the public if the control of electronic and print media would conjoin further against public interest.

Sincerely, Myron McNown (913) 722-4331
Fairway, KS 66205

From: dave mcsparran
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Sun, Apr 13, 2003 6:11 AM
Subject: clearchannel, etc.

i have listened to a radio station, kroq in los angeles for more than 20 years. i can't listen to it anymore because, apparently, some company has bought it that programs the music, or is somehow paid to play the music that they play. this is sickening. companies like clearchannel have been the death of radio. this trend toward deregulation is destroyoing radio. please stop this. we need localism and freedom in the media, not more control by market driven corporate entities. please do what you can to stop deregulation of media ownership, and bring back more local control of content.

dave mcsparran

From: Elizabeth McCann
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 1:21 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Elizabeth McCann (ecmccann@yahoo.com) writes:

Comissioner Adelstein:

I am writing to urge you to vote against further deregulation of the media ownership laws, which pose a great threat to the freedom of the press and the variety of voices that can be heard. We can already see the tragic consequences of few voices and choices for consumers with the deregulation of ownership laws that occurred in the late **1990s**.

I hope the FCC makes the right choice and votes against deregulation and for the freedom of the press and for more consumer choices in media.

Thanks,

Elizabeth McCann

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From: Alex Cornejo
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 2:27 PM
Subject: How to stop weapons of Mass Deception

Dear Commissioner:

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Alex Cornejo, San Fernando Valley, California 91324

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From: Brandon Ammons
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Mon, Apr 14, 2003 8:02 PM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Brandon Ammons (brandonammons@yahoo.com) writes:

I bitterly oppose further media consolidation. This is harmful to our democracy and have terribly harmful consequences down the road. Further media consolidation must be stopped for the good of the American media consumer. True competition is being destroyed.

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From: Rudy
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2003 6:12 AM
Subject: Upcoming meeting to ease regulations on media ownership

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Cranford, NJ
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From: Scott P. Diehl
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue. Apr 15, 2003 8:27 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

Scott P. Diehl(scottaloysius@yahoo.com) writes:

Dear Mr. Adelstein :

On June 2, 2003, please DO NOT loosen the FCC rules even more for corporate America to take over the airwaves.

As a citizen, I find this immoral and should be illegal, because the airwaves belong to all Americans, not just corporate America.

These continued deregulation rules on the media are depriving us of our true democracy and freedom of speech, because average American's voices are no longer being heard in corporate media. They only tell us what they want us to hear or read, and that is immoral! I want the full truth with all the diversity and richness of differing viewpoints. For a democracy to remain free from tyranny, we must reopen the airwaves to all Americans, us 95% who are not rich, fat-cats, like the top 5%, who are controlling what we hear and see. It is a direct violation of our Founding Father's visions for the truly free press in this great land of ours.

Please, DO NOT make it easier for the rich to control the media corruption and propaganda, which is immoral!

Thank You, and please visit my website at: www.godblesstheworld.us

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From: Rita Dolan
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2003 8:33 AM
Subject: Halt further consolidation of the media

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Rita Dolan
Email: greenwood22@attbi.com

From: mmariannah
To: Commissioner Adelstein
Date: Tue, Apr 15, 2003 8:48 AM
Subject: Comments to the Commissioner

mmariannah (mariannah@cybermesa.com) writes:

Commissioner Adelstein

This e mail is to encourage you to continuing and increase the FCCs pursuit of public opinion on corporate prerogative and our public airwaves... It is clear to me that the average citizen of the US gets a very small portion of the news...just compare, for instance, any of our mainstream news channels to BBC news, and the omissions are clear. If we really believe in the value of democratic thought and decision making, a well informed public cultivated by the diversity of opinion and a thorough airing of facts should be our first priority. To allow the seeking of profits and a too close relationship between government and business to limit our access to truth is a disservice to the US and the world.

You can go down in history by protecting the public from the concentration of our public airways in the hands of the few private corporations who vie for wealth instead of strive for an informed public debate and broad cultural aesthetic.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns

mariannah

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